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The Hon. Ajit Pai, Chairman  
The Hon. Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner  
The Hon. Brendan Carr, Commissioner  
The Hon. Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Southwest  
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Mr. Pai:

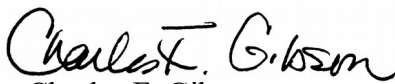
I support the Comments of Brattleboro Community Television, Inc. (File ID 1113560010350) and DISAPPROVE of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in *Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*, MB Docket 05-311.

As a Brattleboro, VT, small business owner and resident, I value the coverage of local events and other programming provided by BCTV. In an era of media consolidation, PEG Access is critically important. Last year I recorded a TV series on cybersecurity for non-profit organizations with the assistance of BCTV. The program was shared on the Vermont Media Exchange and picked up by a number of other PEG stations in Vermont. Without BCTV's guidance and technical expertise, this would never have happened.

BCTV makes a very important contribution to small-town life, and to the regional business community, enabling us to create and to watch programming about our region and the local events and issues we care about. And that was the intent of the PEG provisions of the 1984 Cable Act – to enhance local voices, serve local community needs and interests, and strengthen our local democracy. By defining “franchise fee” in an overly broad fashion to include “in-kind” support, the FCC's proposals will shift the fair balance between cable franchising authorities and cable operators – something that was never the intent of the Act – and could ultimately result in such reduction in franchise fees as to defund PEG Access in our state.

I urge you to protect PEG Access in our community and others by choosing not to adopt many of the proposals in the Further Notice. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

  
Charles F. Gibson